

Appendix I: Public Opinion Survey

1. I have hunted white-tailed deer in Idaho:

Group	Response	Never	1-5 yrs	6-10yrs	Over 10 yrs
Northern Idaho	366	1%	34%	13%	52%
Southern Idaho	290	58%	27%	4%	11%
Landowners	170	62%	19%	2%	16%

2. I have hunted mule deer in Idaho:

Group	Response	Never	1-5 yrs	6-10yrs	Over 10 yrs
Northern Idaho	366	29%	27%	7%	37%
Southern Idaho	292	4%	30%	13%	53%
Landowners	170	7%	9%	6%	78%

3. When I go deer hunting in Idaho I spend most of my time hunting for:

Group	Response	MD	WTD
Northern Idaho	347	8%	92%
Southern Idaho	283	89%	11%
Landowners	156	88%	12%

4. White-tailed deer compete with mule deer.

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	365	14%	20%	35%	16%	14%
Southern Idaho	292	21%	21%	39%	10%	9%
Landowners	169	27%	18%	40%	9%	6%

5. I support IDFG programs to increase expansion of white-tailed deer in southern Idaho.

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	366	15%	17%	51%	8%	8%
Southern Idaho	292	23%	20%	24%	13%	22%
Landowners	171	20%	16%	28%	11%	25%

6. White-tailed deer and mule deer should be managed as separate species, with separate seasons and tags.

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	350	27%	14%	16%	12%	32%
Southern Idaho	281	33%	16%	18%	9%	24%
Landowners	162	38%	17%	23%	10%	12%

7. If separate tags are issued for white-tailed deer and mule deer and populations can support the harvest, hunters should be able to obtain one for each.

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	351	47%	17%	15%	6%	15%
Southern Idaho	278	48%	19%	11%	7%	15%
Landowners	160	40%	18%	14%	8%	19%

8. IDFG should reduce the number of antlerless white-tailed deer on private land to resolve depredations.

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	350	23%	25%	25%	13%	15%
Southern Idaho	278	20%	20%	33%	10%	16%
Landowners	163	25%	14%	33%	15%	13%

9. I support a license fee increase (less than \$ 5.00) to fund a program that develops access onto private land for the purpose of hunting, including white-tailed deer.

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	350	21%	19%	19%	10%	30%
Southern Idaho	281	31%	15%	13%	8%	33%
Landowners	161	20%	12%	21%	8%	39%

10. Tag prices for antlerless white-tailed deer should be reduced in areas where there are insufficient hunters to accomplish the desired harvest.

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	350	40%	17%	22%	8%	12%
Southern Idaho	281	36%	23%	20%	7%	14%
Landowners	163	28%	16%	30%	11%	15%

11. More than one antlerless tag should be available per hunter in areas where there are insufficient hunters to accomplish the desired harvest.

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	351	53%	23%	13%	6%	6%
Southern Idaho	281	44%	28%	12%	6%	10%
Landowners	163	45%	21%	18%	4%	10%

12. I am satisfied with the number of days of white-tailed deer hunting opportunity offered.

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	364	43%	28%	14%	10%	5%
Southern Idaho	289	13%	17%	51%	11%	8%
Landowners	168	14%	18%	49%	11%	7%



13. I am satisfied with my chances to harvest a white-tailed deer.

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	364	44%	32%	12%	7%	5%
Southern Idaho	289	10%	16%	53%	13%	8%
Landowners	168	20%	21%	44%	9%	5%

14. It is important for me be able to hunt for white-tailed deer at the same time and place as elk.

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	364	47%	14%	25%	7%	7%
Southern Idaho	288	27%	20%	29%	8%	15%
Landowners	170	25%	13%	39%	6%	17%

15. It is important for me to be able to hunt for white-tailed deer at the same time and place as mule deer.

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	364	43%	18%	27%	5%	7%
Southern Idaho	288	38%	20%	22%	8%	13%
Landowners	169	17%	19%	36%	10%	18%

16. It is important for me to be able to hunt white-tailed deer during early November.

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	363	54%	19%	19%	3%	4%
Southern Idaho	288	26%	25%	40%	4%	5%
Landowners	169	18%	22%	46%	4%	10%

17. It is important for me to be able to hunt white-tailed deer during late November.

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	364	61%	14%	19%	2%	4%
Southern Idaho	287	29%	19%	41%	6%	6%
Landowners	168	20%	19%	42%	5%	14%

18. I am satisfied with my chances to harvest a white-tailed buck.

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	365	38%	30%	17%	7%	8%
Southern Idaho	288	11%	16%	52%	12%	9%
Landowners	167	15%	16%	55%	8%	7%

19. I am satisfied with my chances to harvest a mature white-tailed buck.

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	364	31%	30%	17%	14%	8%
Southern Idaho	287	9%	15%	51%	15%	9%
Landowners	167	13%	15%	51%	10%	12%

20. Some units in Idaho should be managed for large and/or mature white-tailed bucks, even if it means restrictions such as shorter seasons or controlled hunts.

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	365	13%	13%	30%	21%	24%
Southern Idaho	288	21%	18%	35%	10%	16%
Landowners	169	27%	20%	37%	7%	9%

21. *It is important to be able to hunt deer in more than one part of the state in any given year.*

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	347	46%	15%	22%	6%	11%
Southern Idaho	279	55%	20%	14%	6%	5%
Landowners	166	41%	17%	22%	8%	12%

22. *I would be willing to travel over 100 miles for sole purpose of hunting white-tailed does.*

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	350	16%	8%	25%	18%	33%
Southern Idaho	280	19%	18%	30%	15%	18%
Landowners	163	12%	6%	29%	15%	37%

23. *I would be willing to travel over 100 miles to hunt white-tailed does if I could also hunt elk at the same time and place.*

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	350	30%	18%	27%	10%	15%
Southern Idaho	278	35%	24%	23%	9%	10%
Landowners	163	20%	18%	29%	10%	23%

24. *I support the Clearwater Deer Tag as a way to regulate hunter numbers and reduce trespass complaints.*

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	345	29%	22%	28%	7%	14%
Southern Idaho	280	19%	21%	40%	8%	13%
Landowners	162	37%	16%	38%	2%	7%

25. *I do not support the Clearwater Deer Tag and would prefer other ways to regulate hunter numbers and reduce trespass complaints.*

Group	Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Northern Idaho	340	17%	7%	36%	17%	23%
Southern Idaho	279	16%	12%	46%	15%	12%
Landowners	160	13%	4%	51%	12%	20%